

The Sunday-School.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The Sunday-school lesson for April 28, is taken from Mark 14: 12-26.

LIFE TEACHINGS.

1. Note that these disciples came to Jesus to receive instructions as to what they should do. This is what we should do. If we are to go on his errands, we must go to him for instructions. He knows where he would have us go—in what heart he would have us make place for him. Before we begin the day's work for Christ let us go to him and ask him for such directions and guidance as will help us to do his will.

2. The disciple of Jesus is but a messenger. He does not speak in his own name, but in or for the name of Jesus. When we beseech others to become Christians, we are not asking favors for ourselves, but in the name of our King. When the world demands of us to know why we do this or that, our answer must be, "The Master saith." When the wicked forsake their way, when the drunkard gives up the glass, and the workers of iniquity find their business ruined, our only reply to them is, "The Lord hath need of him," in his name have we done this work.

3. "In remembrance of me." Christ wants to be remembered, and to help us keep him in mind and heart, he has very graciously instituted visible symbols—the bread and the cup. So also the waters of baptism. Thus does God teach us spiritual things by means of visible, material things.

4. It is a blessed privilege to meet with Christ at his table and partake of the emblems of his broken body and his shed blood. This makes Christ's love real to us. It calls to our mind what he has done for us and what he is still doing for those who believe on his blessed name. It should also remind us of our duty to him.

5. Every friend of Christ should obey this, his last command. We all love to keep in memory the friends who have helped us; no friend ever helped us as Jesus has, for he gave his life for us.

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. Washing the disciples' feet. When? Where?
2. The ordinances of God's house.
3. What constitutes an ordinance.
4. The Passover and Lord's Supper.
5. Meaning of the bread and fruit of the vine.
6. Why Jesus died.
7. The danger of being untrue to Christ.

A TALE TOLLED.

[From the Lamentations of Jeremiah the son of Eli.]

Now in the days of Loosely the High Priest,
When there were many dire perversions of the truth,

Behold a certain righteous man was sent
To preach the glorious Gospel and he went
And mightily persuaded men so that
The people thought forsooth the man a prophet,
And they built a church whose spire
Did point the people upward unto God;
And many joined that church for it was popular
At that time.

And some there joined who lacked in wisdom
more or less,

And did mistake excitement for conversion,
And were exceedingly unstable in their every way,

For it was so that when they came to church,
They knew not how to act when in the holy place,
For there was shuffling to and fro and looking round about

And sundry gossipings and divers whisperings,
And some did mock at other people's acts
And wist not that themselves were fools and blind

So that they saw not God nor heard him there,
Nor cared they.

And some would stand with folded hands
And wait for all the rest to come
And greet them eagerly and say,
"So very glad to see you" and they came not.
Therefore said they "Take my name from off the book

For I am sorely slighted and abased by every one."
And others told it round and said
"A mighty trouble breweth, Let us also go."
But yet they went not but did sulk for several days

And then came back to seek for something more
To rail at.

And also did the prince of all the liars
Stir up false reports about the church and people
Which grew apace and scattered far and very wide

And brought forth strife among the neighbors
And caused the younger and the weaker ones to stumble.

And one there was alas, who yielded to temptation

And all the faithful labored hard to win him from the evil,

But erstwhile others cried with smoky breath,
"Now stone him, stone him quick and forthwith put him out!"

Yet they were worse in heart than he but this
They knew not.

And thus there was confusion ceaselessly and trouble

Nor was there "unity of spirit" (1) nor "singleness of purpose," (2)

But as a sea tossed high and here and yonder
By an angry wind, so were they,
And soon they brought the gray hairs of their prophet

Down in sorrow to the grave by this their fickleness,
And over him they built a tomb and on it wrote

"Yea blessed are the dead,—their works do follow them." (3)

And thus they did for they were like the seed
Which fell on stony (4) ground and there abode not,

And darkness reigned where once was light,
Yet on the dismal cloud of human failure
There came a gleaming hand which wrote
As follows:

"Child of human frailty know thou this,
That back of every thing that doth appear
There lives and moves an unseen cause.
Put not your trust therefore in any earth bound
Church or prophet but in the eternal God
Whose power invincible is back and in and over all.

Let reverence therefore grace with queenly dignity
Thy brow and "keep thy foot whene'er thou goest

To the house of God, and be more ready then to hear

Than give the sacrifice of fools for they consider not

That they do evil. (5)

This too, know thou that "he that would have friends

Must first himself be friendly" (6) and appear so,
And with thy erring brother be thou merciful
For lo these many years thy God hath borne
With him and thee in many a folly and canst thou
Not then entreat with him a little season?

"Unstable as the water thou shalt not excel" (7)

"Be not ye therefore tossed about

"By every wind of doctrine" (8) but "be steadfast and immovable" (9) for "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God." (10)
"Behold I come and quickly and my reward is with me

To give to every man according as his work shall be." (11)

(1) Eph. 4:3; (2) Acts 2:46; (3) Rev. 14:3;
(4) Matt. 13:5; (5) Ec. 5:1; (6) Prov. 18:24;
(7) Gen. 49:4; (8) Eph. 4:14; (9) I Cor. 15:58;
(10) Rev. 3:12; (11) Rev. 22:12.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the All-wise Providence to remove from our midst our beloved sister Nannie Grossman, therefore be it

Resolved, That we the members of the Brethren church and Sunday-school, extend our heart felt sympathy to the family of the deceased, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of the resolutions be placed on the church record, and also sent to the EVANGELIST and Gazette offices for publication.

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To most men and women self is everything. Their whole life is a room lined with looking-glasses, presenting to them in all directions and at every glance innumerable reflections and multiplications of their own petty and worthless selves. With boundless self-importance, as though the world was made for them and everybody was looking at them and thinking of them, they make themselves, their own low selves, the whole.—*Canon Farrer*.

THE serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world, next to the might of the Spirit of God.—*Spurgeon*.